

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Applicants thank the examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3-11, 13, and 14 are allowed and that claims 2 and 12 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-14 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 4 were objected to for antecedent basis issues. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10 and 13 to correct deficiencies in the claims due to typographical errors and lack of antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicants have amended claims 2 and 12 to correct deficiencies in the claims due to typographical errors and lack of antecedent basis. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and claims 2 and 12 be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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